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SUBJ: LEVESQUE TO VISIT WESTERN U. S.

1. PRIME MINISTER LEVESQUE WILL MAKE A ONE-WEEK TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, WITH STOPS IN CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO, AND LOS ANGELES. ITINERARY FOLLOWS.

2. 27 SEPTEMBER -- ARRIVAL IN CHICAGO. OPENING OF NEW OFFICES OF QUEBEC DELEGATION, FOLLOWED BY SPEECH ("THE FUTURE OF QUEBEC") AT MICHIGAN SHORES CLUB.

28 SEPT -- SPEECH TO A GROUP OF CHICAGO BUSINESSMEN ("THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN QUEBEC"), FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON ADDRESS TO THE CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS ("NEW VISTAS FOR QUEBEC"). DEPARTURE FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

29 SEPT -- LUNCHEON SPEECH TO COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO ("CANADA AND QUEBEC, A NEW RELATIONSHIP"). EVENING SPEECH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY ("QUEBEC, THE FRENCH AMERICA").

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30 SEPT AND 1 OCT -- OPEN.

2 OCT -- LUNCHEON SPEECH TO LOS ANGELES WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL ("THE FUTURE OF QUEBEC"). RETURN TO QUEBEC CITY.

3. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT LEVESQUE IS PLANNING A TRIP TO LOUISIANA IN NOVEMBER, AT THE INVITATION OF JAMES

DOMENGEAUX, HEAD OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH IN LOUISIANA (CODOFIL). MINISTRY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS TELLS US THIS TRIP IS "VERY TENTATIVE" AND MAY BE POSTPONED.

4. COMMENT: THE RELATIVELY FREQUENT SPEAKING TOURS OF THE U.S. BY TOP GOQ LUMINARIES IN PAST YEAR ARE PART OF AN EFFORT BY PQ TO EXPLAIN AND TO GAIN WIDER SYMPATHY IN U.S. FOR ITS SOVEREIGNTIST CONSTITUTIONAL PREFERENCE. PQ FIGURES THAT AMERICAN ATTITUDES COULD BE CRUCIAL IN ANY FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFRONTATION WITH OTTAWA. THEREFORE, PQ PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS ARE AIMED AT ENCOURAGING GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY FOR QUEBEC ON PART OF AMERICAN PUBLIC LEADING, PQ HOPES, TO AT LEAST A BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY BY USG. MCNAMARA

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